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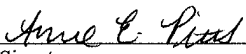
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For:

**METHOD AND DEVICE FOR IMAGING AND ANALYSIS OF  
BIOPOLYMER ARRAYS**

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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

This amendment is filed in response to the office action mailed March 30, 2001, in the above-identified case. A Petition for Extension of Time - Two Months is filed concurrently in duplicate. Also concurrently filed is the Declaration of Dr. Lewis T. Claiborne under Rule 37 C.F.R. §132 (Tab A), the curricula vitae for each of the three inventors (Tab B), and a certified copy of the provisional patent application filed in Estonia on April 21, 1999 to perfect Applicants' priority claim (Tab C).

In accordance with the new rules related to the manner of making amendments under 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3), this document implements changes to the claims by presenting an entire set of pending claims. An Appendix entitled **Version With Markings to Show Changes Made** is attached showing the current amendments to the specification and/or claims in marked form. Any claim not accompanied by a marked up version should be construed as not having been changed relative to the immediate prior version thereof, if any.